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the sentence said, do not be concerned about "grammer", g-r-a-m-m-e-r. Oh, you all don't realize what's wrong with that. Right. (Laugh) They meant, don't worry about Grandma; don't let Grandma worry you. You know, sometimes you make a point and you don't make the point because you start with assumptions that are not well placed. But to get back to this thing that we're talking about here, it relates to the public We're going to have other issues before us this session that deal with the public schools and people who work in and for the public schools, and we're not going to hear much said about the educating of the children which is supposed to be the purpose for which these schools exist. It would be like those who are running hospitals not being too concerned if people walk into the hospital hail and hearty with a song in their heart and they come out on the other side in a box or on a gurney headed to the mortician. Somebody at some point is going to say the purpose of a hospital is to heal, cure, treat ailments and so forth, but I see all these people walking in the front door and coming out as corpses through the back door. Well, when you look at the public schools, the further young people progress through the schools the less educated they become, so by the time they get out on the other side they are virtually illiterate. I don't know if it was George Bernard Shaw or some person of his ilk who made the comment that universities are institutions of higher learning everybody who goes there brings something and everybody who leaves takes nothing, so what they left, which they brought, accumulates and it thereby becomes an institution of higher learning. But the people on the leaving end don't have Sometimes I listen to my colleagues on the floor and I write little things down and I'm often amused by the way we mutilate the language when we're talking about education. It would be like not a meat cutter but a butcher. difference between a meat cutter and a butcher. So I'm not talking about a meat cutter, but a butcher performing brain surgery. The butcher tells you, well, this here brain weighs about two pounds; it's about the consistency of soft scrambled eggs; it floats around in saltwater and it's got, to steal a line from Senator Landis, it's got a plastic covering over it, a plastic membrane over it; then it's put inside of a bony helmet and that there is the way this here brain is protected from